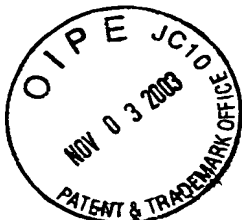


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The comments contained herein are intended to be supplemental to those presented in appellants' Appeal Brief filed on July 14, 2003. It is noted that appellants, in this Reply Brief, respond only to certain issues raised in the Examiner's Answer where response is deemed warranted. With respect to the remaining issues contained in the Examiner's Answer, appellants' position is fully set forth in the Appeal Brief filed on July 14, 2003, and appellants make no admissions or concessions herein regarding these remaining issues.

The Examiner states the following on page 2 of the Examiner's Answer:

(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

The brief does not contain a statement identifying the related appeals and interferences which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the decision in the pending appeal is contained in the brief [sic]. Therefore, it is presumed that there are none. The Board, however, may exercise its discretion to require an explicit statement as to the existence of any related appeals and interferences.

The Examiner's statement is in error. A statement re related appeals and interferences *does* appear in appellants' brief filed July 14, 2003 (see paragraph (2) on page 2). This statement reads as follows:

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(2) RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no related appeals or interferences currently known to appellants, appellants' legal representatives or the assignee, which will directly affect, or be directly affected by, or have a bearing on, the Board's decision.

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